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PM CARAMANLIS AT LUNCH WITH ME TODAY GAVE CATEGORICAL ASSURANCES FULL GOG SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS RE CUBA SET FORTH IN PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS. HE TOLD ME HE HAD ALREADY SENT INSTRUCTIONS ALONG THESE LINES TO GREEK PERMREP, PARIS. HE STATED US COULD COUNT GOG SUPPORT IN UN AS WELL.

PM RECALLED THAT WHEN HE WAS IN US LAST YEAR HE HAD PUBLICLY DEFENDED US RIGHT TO ASSURE ITS OWN SECURITY IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND HIS PRESENT ATTITUDE WAS CONSISTENT WITH THIS POSITION. HE SAID, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, THAT HE BELIEVED DECISIVE ACTION BY US RE-CUBA SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN EARLIER. IN HIS VIEW SOV UNION WAS USING CUBA TO EXERT PRESSURE ON US AS BARGAINING COUNTER IN CONNECTION BERLIN SITUATION.

GOG POSITION ON CUBA BASED ON CONVICTION THAT STRENGTH AND SECURITY OF US WAS BASIS FOR STRENGTH AND SECURITY OF FREE WORLD. THEREFORE WE NEED HAVE NO DOUBT THAT GREECE WOULD STAND WITH US IN THIS CRISIS AS IT HAD IN OTHERS.

MINISTER TO PM MAKRIS IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION ON SAME OCCASION EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION THAT US WAS TAKING DECISIVE ACTION TO MEET SOVIET THREAT IN CUBA.

COMMENT: I THANKED PM FOR HIS STRONG SUPPORT AND STATED I WOULD HIS ASSURANCES TO THE PRESIDENT.

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